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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, APRIL 26.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 81; Min. 72. Weather, fair to valley showers.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.42c; Per Ton, \$68.40. 88 Analysis Beets, 8s 6d; Per Ton, \$76.40.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1906.

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FIVE KOREANS REPRIEVED BY THE GOVERNOR

A Chance Will Be Given For a Hearing in Behalf of the Men Condemned to Die For Murder of a Countryman.

The five Koreans sentenced to be hanged on May 2d for the murder of a sixth on Hawaii last December, have been reprieved for three weeks.

Acting Governor Atkinson signed the reprieves a few minutes before he took the Mikahala for Kauai yesterday afternoon. The action was the result of a petition circulated yesterday by W. A. Kinney and Lorin A. Thurston, and asking that a reprieve be granted long enough to permit of a hearing on behalf of the condemned men, and the sifting of all the evidence in the case to ascertain whether there might not at least be differences in the degrees of guilt.

So far as the action of the Acting Governor is concerned he stated yesterday afternoon late, when the petition was presented to him, that he had no objection to giving the fullest hearing on the matter, and that the reprieve asked for would be granted. The only question in his mind was as to the length of time it should run. There was not the slightest hesitancy as to the reprieve itself.

STATUS NOT CHANGED.

The granting of the reprieve does not change the status of the case. If that is changed, it must be by the arguments presented at the hearing.

When the hearing will be held is a matter to be determined later. The proponents of mercy, it is understood, will make the argument, among others, that the killing was rather an instance of the running of lynch law than a deliberate murder, and it is an open question among lawyers and publicists generally as to whether those who enforce lynch law should be treated altogether as common murderers. At all events, it is a question whether an entire group of lynchers should be hanged. It is not commonly done, on the mainland.

There are likewise some points in the record of the trial of the Koreans that need elucidation, and the Acting Governor will be as glad to have any doubts cleared up as anybody else. It is not desired by anybody that there should be even an appearance of bearing more hardly upon friendless Koreans than upon any other class of people. Some of these arguments were made to the Acting Governor by Messrs. Thurston and Kinney in presenting the petition for a reprieve to the Acting Governor, and all arguments will be considered in the final determination of the matter.

THE FORMER HEARING.

The men who are under sentence of death are Shim Myeng Ok, Kang Yong Bok, Kim Yong Yee, Chang Chi Yuel and Wee Myeng Sook. The story of the murder, which crime was accompanied by circumstances of particular atrocity, has been told in the Advertiser a number of times and may be assumed to be familiar to the readers of this paper. Rev. Mr. Wadman, of the local Methodist congregation, was the first man to take up the effort to secure executive clemency for the men, appearing at a hearing given before Acting Governor Atkinson on April 16, accompanied by the Japanese Vice Consul, Mr. Matsubara.

At the same time, Deputy Attorney General Milverton, who conducted the prosecution of the case at Hilo, made a statement and explanation to the Acting Governor of the evidence upon which the conviction had been secured. Also, a somewhat remarkable letter was read from Hon. Carl Smith, attorney for the condemned men.

The petition for a reprieve, prepared and circulated very hastily yesterday so that it might be laid before Governor Atkinson before his departure for Kauai, was signed by S. M. Damon, L. Tenney Peck, E. I. Spalding, M. Kichi, H. P. Wood, Cecil Brown, A. W. Carter, L. A. Thurston, D. I. Withington, W. A. Kinney, Henry E. Cooper, P. C. Jones, Castle & Cooke, E. M. Watson, B. L. Marx, Walter G. Smith, R. W. Breckons (who signed with the provision that a showing be made from the record that there was some ground for the extension of clemency) and J. T. De Bolt.

COURTS MAY INTERFERE.

In presenting the petition, Mr. Thurston made the statement that Judge Dole had been asked to sign it, but had declined for the reason that the fact of his holding a Federal judicial position might cause his motives to be misunderstood. Judge Dole had, however, expressed his entire accord with the movement to secure a reprieve and a further hearing, and had said he would be very glad if Mr. Thurston would make a statement to that effect to the Governor.

Mr. Thurston also said that Chief Justice Frear and Supreme Court Justice Hartwell, while they had expressed themselves in entire accord with the movement to secure a reprieve, had yet refrained from signing the petition for the reason that there was still a possibility of the case coming before their court on a writ of error.

That would seem to contain an intimation that the courts may yet be called upon to take action in the case.

The reprieves for the five men were signed by the Governor late in the afternoon, the steamer Mikahala being held for him, and were delivered by Chief Clerk Buckland to High Sheriff Henry at 6 p. m.

TORNADO DESTROYS CITY

(Associated Press Cablegram.)

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 27—A tornado has destroyed this town. It is believed that fifteen persons have been killed. Fire is raging.

SAN FRANCISCO MERCHANTS TO RESUME BUSINESS SOON



EUGENE E. SCHMITZ, MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO.

GENERAL GREELY SNUBS GOVERNOR

The Military Commandant at San Francisco Will Recognize No Authority but That of Mayor Schmitz.

(Associated Press Cablegram to the Pacific Commercial Advertiser.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—General Greely has announced that he will recognize no other authority in San Francisco than that of Mayor Schmitz. This announcement is directed at Governor Pardee.

The afternoon cable yesterday stated that a meeting of the General Committee of Fifty had been held, with Mayor Schmitz, Governor Pardee and General Greely. At this meeting, Governor Pardee expressed indignation at the request apparently made by General Greely, for the withdrawal of the National Guard from the city, declaring that it was a reflection upon a body of brave men.

Governor Pardee was told by General Greely that no such reflection was intended, but that the request had been made because it was desired to concentrate the work of protecting the city in the hands of the Federal troops.

The afternoon cable further stated that no conclusion had been reached in the matter. It is apparent that the conclusion came later, and that General Greely has snubbed the Governor of California.

In this same connection, the afternoon cables stated: "All finances are placed in the hands of regular organized committees which keep regular books and report to the auditing committee and to the War Department."

"Secretary Metcalf is here co-operating with General Greely and the local authorities."

FRASER CABLES DAILY BATCH OF GOOD NEWS

The following budget of names was received at the Acting Governor's office from Fraser last night:

San Francisco, April 26, 1906. To Atkinson, Honolulu.

The following are reported safe and well:

OSCAR MYHRE, 595 Fell street. M. R. MEAD, 1280 6th Avenue.

A. McSWAIN, 1558 Union street. VIOLET McSWAIN, BEN BRUNS, 1629 L street. G. W. BERGSTROM, 132 California Avenue. MRS. C. DUNSMOOR, Napa, Cal. MRS. G. E. PRESTON, Glen Park. C. J. COOPER, 1736 Union street. Ask Irwin to arrange with mother for (Continued on Page 2.)

Putting Up Temporary Buildings and Order Eight Thousand Carloads of Merchandise.

(Associated Press Cablegram to the Pacific Commercial Advertiser.)

OAKLAND, California, April 27—The wholesalers of San Francisco are arranging for the erection of temporary structures in the downtown business district, and eight thousand carloads of goods are now en route to the city.

The free distribution of food is over, and applicants are being turned away.

A great amount of perishable relief supplies were spoiled because of lack of railroad facilities.

In the Presidio Hospitals, the number of patients is decreasing.

Railroads Will Resume Business.

Several street car lines have asked permission to resume operations tomorrow.

The Union and Risdon Iron Works are to be re-opened at once.

The Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Ocean Shore railroads have been given permission to lay their tracks into the burned district to aid in the removal of debris.

Surveyors Laying Out Lines.

Surveyors have begun work, delimiting streets and property lines, and Architect Burnham has been summoned to aid in the rebuilding of the city.

Governor Pardee continues his proclamations of daily legal holidays, postponing the payment of obligations.

Relief subscriptions now total four and one-half million dollars.

SEVEN SQUARE MILES OF SAN FRANCISCO DESTROYED

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The City Engineer estimates that seven square miles of the city have been destroyed.

Health conditions in San Francisco have been greatly improved by reason of the strict enforcement of sanitary regulations.

Will Give No More Free Rides.

Free transportation to all parts of the state have been revoked, tickets being issued by the railway companies only in exceptional cases.

The relief camps are being concentrated.

Immediately following the disaster in San Francisco, it was stated that the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railways were giving transportation free to all those who wished to leave the city. It is apparent, from this cablegram, that only transportation to points in California was meant—and, as was to have been expected, this privilege has been withdrawn with a return to something at least approaching normal conditions.

The situation in San Francisco is now well in the hands of those in control, and some extent of the magnitude of the disaster may be formed from the statement of the City Engineer that seven square miles of the city have been destroyed.

OFFERS OF MONEY TO REBUILD SAN FRANCISCO

(Associated Press Cablegrams—Afternoon Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—A representative of the National Bank of New York has arrived here and promises every assistance to the banking institutions of San Francisco, to aid in rebuilding the city.

REMOVING THE DEBRIS.

The removal of debris from San Francisco is progressing rapidly.

The city is partially lighted tonight.

The Spreckels building is safe and will be restored. (This probably means that the building was not damaged by earthquake.)

The Call printing presses have been saved.

The sugar factory was not burned.

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